

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONVERTING FILES**  
**TO A SPECIFIED MARKUP LANGUAGE**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A method and system for converting a delimited flat file to a markup language specified by a document type definition file. The method comprises the steps of providing a delimited flat file having columns with headings, and providing a map file conforming to said document type definition file and having tags and attributes including references matching said headings. A tree structure is formed from the map file, with each tag representing one or more nodes of the tree. The tree structure is traversed, node-by-node, and for each node, the attributes are entered into said markup language file. When the attributes include one of said references, text is retrieved from one of the columns with one of the matching headings of the flat file, and that text is entered into the markup language file.

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